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SGA election results are in after delays, setbacks

**Lynch and Ciesielski win
unopposed, PR chair finishes in
a draw**

DAVID P. FUNK
Managing Editor

Stephen Lynch and Danielle Ciesielski ran unopposed for the Student Government Association president and vice president respectively. Receiving 81 percent of the vote, they were elected. But the public relations chair election finished in a tie for David Thompson and Michael Finney.

The PR chair election was extended through the weekend and the winner will be announced later today.

Lynch has big plans for the SGA.

His biggest goals are to get students better informed, more involved on campus and save students money. Lynch wants to get students engaged in campus activities and feels the university hasn't done that in years.

Lynch said while the SGA president is a great opportunity to help people and change policies, he understands that the positions allows little free time and is not compensated well for the amount of work it requires.

While he respects the problems current President Robin Dunn has corrected, Lynch wants the student body to know.

"We have credibility with the administration and people who know us," said Lynch. "But if the students don't know what we do it doesn't matter."

Lynch said that the PR chair is extremely important to execute his plans.

"90 percent of the problem is no one knows what's going on," said Lynch.

It is not much of a surprise that Finney and Thompson finished last

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**Low voter turnout raises ques-
tions about SGA election
process**

MELISSA BATKA
Editor in Chief

As of Friday, May 5 the 2006-2007 SGA election polls had seen a 90 percent decrease in voter turnout since the previous year. Although voter participation may have increased as a result of the polls being reopened over the weekend to break the tie for the public relations chair, the turnout of this year's election was one of the lowest in recent memory. After a productive year for the SGA, many are asking, "what happened?"

"We are still in the grassroots stage," said current president Robin Dunn of the SGA. "We had nothing to work with off of last year."

Dunn is referring to the 2004-2005 school year, when the SGA went through a complete restruc-

turing process after being left in shambles by former president Ricardo Garcia.

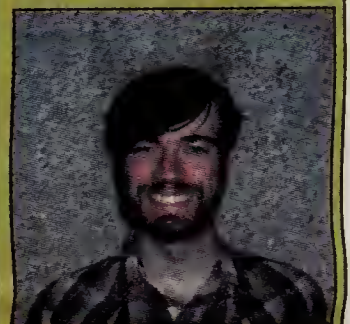
After taking a year long hiatus, the 2005-2006 school year proved to be a challenge Dunn described as a "burden" for the few active members of SGA. Still, they have many accomplishments to boast.

This year's student government brought about an awareness of the limited restrictions student organizations face when ordering food for events, made ISB numbers available to students to give them more options when purchasing text books, and provided an opportunity for students to meet and discuss issues with members of the administration, including Chancellor Howard Cohen. Dunn said that they worked hard at being the voice of the student body. But is the voice loud enough?

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**Student
Government
Association
Elections**

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**Stephen Lynch,
President Elect**



**Derek Newell,
Secretary**



**Michael Finney,
Public Relations Chair Candidate**



**David Thompson,
Public Relations Chair Candidate**

Stress-free week: students relax page 13



Chronicle photo by Melissa Batka

John Schrader, a junior majoring in secondary education, takes time during his break to nap on the lawn in front of the SUL building.

MGMT students advance to national level

MIKE DUFFY
Staff Writer

On April 28, Jack Olson and Woonmi Kang, students in the PUC management department, proved running a business successfully is challenging, but certainly possible.

Olson and Kang, along with other students, participated in a required business simulation game in their MGMT 450 class. Winning against other class teams, they advanced to compete at the national level, something only 5 percent of university teams succeed in doing.

After competing nationally, Olson and Kang were among the 3 percent of national competitors who were invited to participate in the international level of the simulation. Advancing to the international level is a first for a PUC

team.

"This is a precedent for students competing at this level," said Dr. Lori Feldman, head of the department of human resources and management.

Feldman explained that MGMT 450 is a capstone course, adding it is designed to pull together everything students have done in four years and apply it to running the high level of a company.

Professor Sashikala Sekhar taught the 450 course Olson and Kang took. She explained the simulation started four years ago and was developed by Arthur A. Thompson, Jr. of the University of Alabama and Gregory J. Stappenbeck and Mark A. Reidenbach of GLO-BUS Software, Inc.

The capstone course is a final

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ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

CHANCELLOR 2005-06
REPORT:

PUC is advancing to next
level of excellence

Dear Students,

Pending successful completion of final exams this week, please accept my congratulations to you on another completed semester along your path to earning a world class Purdue degree. For those of you who are graduating this spring, I look forward to shaking your hand and congratulating you more formally during Commencement Exercises May 21.

The 2005-06 academic year has been eventful. Following are highlights from the year that are contributing to Purdue Calumet strategic goals of building on our world class affiliation to advance to the next level of excellence.

Academics...

- Our undergraduate engineering programs earned "Best Program" status in *U.S. News & World Report's America's Best Colleges 2006 edition*.
- The Purdue Board of Trustees has approved our request to establish four distinct Bachelor of Science engineering degrees in Computing, Electrical, Mechanical, and Civil Engineering. The request is before the Indiana Commission for Higher Education for final approval.
- We introduced an Honors Program this spring, beginning with 14 students.

Services & Opportunities...

- Best & Brightest Scholarships—awards for incoming freshmen and transfer students with at least a "B" average—have increased in number by 28 percent to 205 recipients from the previous year.
- A campus-based Student Health Services Center opened in February in temporary quarters in the lower level Gyte annex. Construction is nearly complete on its regular home.
- To better protect the identity of students, faculty and staff, a new identification card system featuring distinct Purdue ID numbers (PUID) has replaced use of Social Security numbers.

Facilities & Development...

- The University Village student housing apartment complex, with accommodations for 376 students, opened to 83 percent capacity last fall. Capacity this spring has been virtually 100 percent.
- For the first time in anyone's recollection there is no campus parking problem, following the opening last fall of our 874-vehicle parking garage.
- The Academic Learning Center, which opened in Merrillville last fall, has attracted more than 1,000 students during each of the fall and spring semesters.
- A convenience store, being constructed on the concourse level of the Student Union & Library, will open late this month.

Outreach

- Our nursing program strengthened its regional leadership role by establishing a Center for Evidence-Based Nursing Practice—an internationally-based initiative.
- Purdue Calumet partnerships with the Purdue Technology Center of Northwest Indiana and Hammond Business Incubator have contributed to students participating in 3,274 internships, field work/experience and practicum opportunities, an 8 percent increase from last year.
- Through the Purdue Calumet Peregrines R-Dub Club, 10 members of our intercollegiate basketball teams helped introduce an effort to promote reading and writing to grade school students via monthly visits to three Hammond elementary school fourth and fifth grade classrooms this spring.

It's been a great year at Purdue Calumet in many ways. I look forward to an even better 2006-07.

Sincerely,

HOWARD COHEN,
Chancellor

What's Goin' On?

A look around

Free seminars

The Fitness Center is offering free seminars; Bike Mechanics 101 May 18 and Four Steps to a Great Golf Swing May 24.

All seminars will be located in the FRC building Room 129 and begin at 7 p.m.

Please call 989-2175 or e-mail the Fitness Center to sign up for these seminars. Seating is limited.

Dance team tryouts

Love to dance? Have school spirit? Love to have fun?

Then try out for the PUC Sparklettes Dance Team on May 15-17 at the Fitness Center from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Female Sexual Response
groups

PUC Couple and Family Therapy Center is now offering a group for women who are experiencing difficulty achieving orgasm or who have never achieved orgasm and would like to.

The group addresses increasing comfort with your body, overcoming fears of orgasm and exploring your body through touch.

For more information contact Teresa Young or Michelle Mannino at 989-2027.

New club on campus

The Financial Management Association for Students (FMAS) is a new club on campus that is focused on topics relating to accounting and finance. It is directed toward management students and is open to all Purdue University Calumet students.

For more information about the club or how to join, email us at PUCF-MAS@hotmail.com.

Haiti presentation

A presentation with Reverend Chibly Langlois and staff from Catholic Relief Services will discuss conditions in Haiti on Thursday May 11 in the SUL 150 at 7:30 p.m.

Both Langlois and the Diocese of Gary joined the Global Solidarity Partnership Program where its goal is to engage the people of Northwest Indiana in the lives of those in Haiti.

For more information please call 844-7515 or e-mail mail@heartlandctr.org

Native American Culture

Tune into a special presentation by student Andrea Pepler-Murray about Native American Culture: Expression from the for Comers on Thursday, May 11 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Bring your lunch and enjoy!

PAAC Book Club Discussion

Joining the Purdue Alumni Association as they host a book club discussions on Thursday May 18. The meeting will be held at Purdue University Calumet from 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm in Lawshe Hall, Room 333. Participation is free and open to the general public.

This month's book will be "The Virgin Blue" by Tracy Chevalier.

For more information, please call Purdue Calumet's Office of Alumni Relations (219) 989-2414.

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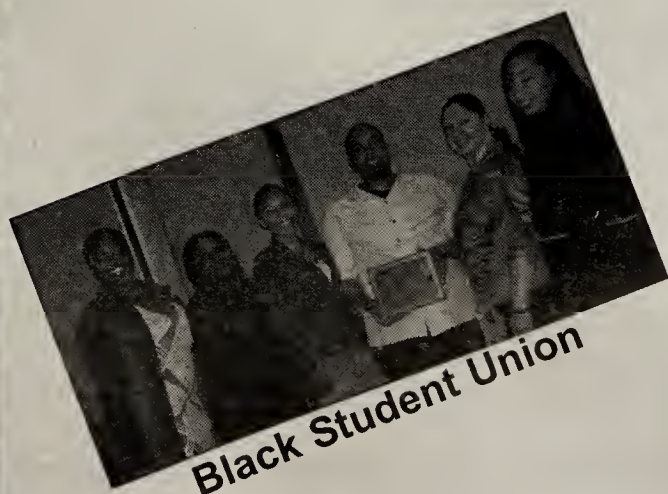
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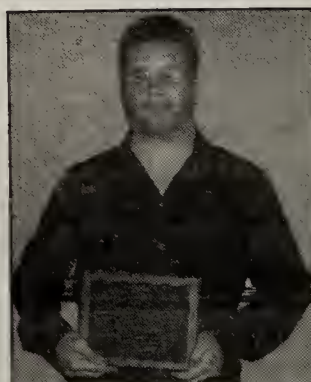
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Speak up, SGA

As the news paper of PUC, we are supposed to act as the watch dog over student government. It is our responsibility to remain critical of what they do in an effort to ensure that they are always acting in the best interests of the students.

This year, we have only had positive issues to report. The SGA has accomplished some great things and has seemed to be making a real effort to progress after last year's restructuring process.

But we do not feel they ended the year as strongly as they began it. Only 2 percent of the student population voted during this year's elections, and that has raised some red flags.

We understand that it is difficult to stir student participation, but there is no excuse for 2 percent.

According to the constitution, elections must be held in April. This year's elections did not begin until April 30 and the list of candidates was not finalized until April 29. Although these set backs were to make sure as many candidates as possible *could participate in the election, they did not leave a lot of time for promotion and campaigning.*

Also, two of the five executive board positions were uncontested. Not only did this limit students' options, but it probably did not encourage them to vote. Why would they? Most of the candidates were a shoe in. But even those candidates that ran unopposed could have campaigned. Sure, they were guaranteed the position. But would it have hurt these candidates to inform students about the issues they were supporting and the platforms they were running on anyway? In this case, we believe much of the voter apathy came from candidate indifference.

Concerned with what we saw, some Chronicle staff members decided to get out and talk to students about the SGA. As reported on page one, most students had no idea what the SGA did and who the current president is. Naturally, most of these students didn't vote.

Although at the time of publication the winner of the public relations chair is unknown, we hope that the 2006-2007 election serves as a lesson to the SGA. It is imperative that the SGA start making a little more noise on campus. We are certain that hundreds of students make use of something that the SGA provided. But if the students using those services are still unaware of who is serving the student body and what exactly the SGA does, it is difficult to call their accomplishments a success.

The key to the growth of the student government will be a combination of continued hard work and a good PR chair to make sure that more students on campus know who the SGA officials are and what they are doing on campus. This will in turn increase the communication between the students and SGA officials allowing them to truly become the voice of the students at PUC.

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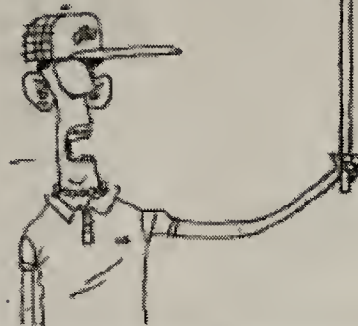
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Letters to the editor

To the Editor of *The Chronicle*:

In response to recent opinion pieces published in *The Chronicle* (May 1, 2006, & April 24), I would like to thank you in advance for affording me the opportunity to provide factual clarity with respect to media studies and other degree programs offered by the Department of Communication and Creative Arts.

We offer ten options (areas of concentration), including Advertising, Broadcasting, Journalism, Media & Culture, Public Relations, Visual Communication & Graphic Arts, Communication (general), Marketing Communication, Organizational Communication, and Political Communication.

Several of the above options are interdisciplinary, including Marketing Communication, Journalism, Political Communication, and Visual Communication and are offered in conjunction with School of Management, Department of History and Political Science, Department of English, and School of Technology.

We offer 13 minors, ten of which are in the above options plus Theater, Health Communication, and Technical Communication. Also, a new minor in Music has been proposed.

We have 12 accomplished and student-centered full-time faculty members with education and expertise in the options outlined above. Our students also benefit from a selected group of professionals who teach courses, as guest lecturers, in their areas of expertise.

Our academic advisors, staff, and faculty members strive to be easily accessible and available to our students for consultation and assistance.

The total number of students enrolled in the Department is 431 (388 Undergraduate and 43 Graduate) and continues to increase.

We believe that internships and other experiential learning opportunities are not just important, but essential to preparing our students for employment and pursuing graduate studies.

We have perhaps the oldest and most established internship program at PUC. Each semester, about ten students intern at a wide range of private and not-for-profit organizations in Northwest Indiana and Chicago.

We continuously attempt to cultivate new internships in local media outlets for our students. We can cultivate an opportunity, but it is up to students to take advantage of it.

Although we do not have an on-air radio or television station, there are plenty of opportunities for students to hone their skills through the nearby WJOB Radio station in Hammond and WYIN-TV in Merrillville.

Hundreds of our alumni are gainfully employed in advertising, radio, television, public relations, journalism, corporate communication, education, human relations, management, and so on. A survey result of our graduates indicates that they are overwhelmingly satisfied with their educational experience and the quality of program.

Dozens of our Master of Arts degree graduates have already obtained their doctoral degrees and are university professors and many are currently pursuing their doctoral degrees.

Our broadcast and computer lab facilities are up-to-date and the outdated equipment is routinely replaced with digital equipment.

We are the only university in the region to offer our broadcasting students the opportunity to produce and air a professional TV program, "Purdue Cal & You," aired on WYIN-TV and also on every Comcast Cable channel from New Buffalo, Michigan to metro Chicago.

We are the only university in the region to offer our public relations students the option of creating a public relations consulting firm and conducting audits for major local industries and institutions.

We are the only university in the region to offer our students the opportunity to conceive, research, plan, and implement a complete actual advertising campaign.

paign.

Our students have successfully competed against major universities in the nation and have received numerous awards in regional, national, and international competitions.

We understand that our resources are limited, that we cannot offer every possible course within the vast communication discipline, nor can we satisfy the interests of every student.

Resource decisions are based on the number of students enrolled in a particular program or department, hence with increased enrollment, the administration will be willing to provide the necessary resources to enhance our programs.

We always welcome constructive and well-reasoned suggestions from our current students, alumni, and others for enhancing our course and degree offerings.

Unfortunately, space limitation does not allow me to elaborate more on the excellent track record of the department, the excellent scholarly activities and contributions of our faculty and staff, the remarkable achievements of our alumni, and the vast opportunities that await our current students. Keep in mind that the communication media industry is highly competitive, hence students who want to succeed must be prepared to go the second mile, take initiatives, "knock on doors," and explore any and all experience-rich opportunities that are available to them.

In short, we are committed to working with and helping our students realize their plan for success. If the question is, "Can we do better?" My answer is, "Yes," and we are constantly working to improve our courses and degree offerings. If the question is, "Can we satisfy the needs and expectations of all students?" My answer is, "No" that is not always possible.

With warm regards and best wishes,
Yahya R. Kamalipour, PhD
Professor and Head
Department of Communication and Creative Arts

Did you know that if you're attacked by someone on this campus and you defend yourself that you also can get expelled for fighting? Doesn't sound like justice does it? Not to me, either.

There's also a guy who made naked pictures of me and put it all over the Village walls. Oh well, more fun on the fourth floor. What time did they find to do that? I barely have time to eat, let alone do something like that. Pretty funny huh? What's even funnier is the fact that he and his friends that know about it think he got

away with it, but I guarantee this, I'll have the last laugh. If it was a ploy to embarrass me, it didn't work because it doesn't bother me at all.

Oh and to all of you that talk crap behind my back, that's exactly what you do talk, crap, but not to my face of course-like a coward under your breath. But when I think about it, most of that dorm building is filled with a bunch of lame cowards who conspire behind peoples' backs and stick there noses in things that don't concern them. But they smile in

your face like everything's cool. All I ask is that people don't open their mouth with an opinion about what I do, or what I have done because it's none of your business.

Alex Front, Tupac, Biggie, and Eminem are the best rappers, Snoop Dogg is at the bottom.

Jason Popp, freshman, criminal justice



Tool belongs with the greats



BRIAN KUTANOVSKI
Assistant Sports Editor

Are there even any more good rock bands left?

I'm not talking about the bands that make one remarkable album and then disappear into the dust after making albums that lack their original creativity. Rather, a band that can withstand the test of time.

Sure, the Red Hot Chili Peppers have lasted, but what about a rock band without much of the help of commercial advertisement, radio play and MTV play?

I say yes: the underground success known as Tool. With their new and fifth full length album that was just released in

stores "10,000 Days," Tool continues to impress and inspire since my middle school days.

What separates Tool from other rock bands that still exist after being around for the last 15-20 years (RHCP, Aerosmith), is their avoidance of the mainstream of pop culture. They play sold out arena shows, sold more than two million copies of their last album "Lateralus," and sold out the last Chicago show in less than seven seconds without the publicity that most bands of that caliber might obtain.

Tool also has the ability to create the buildup and hype that is involved with the release of a new record that other bands couldn't. I'm a part of the build up, too. I couldn't help but to indulge in the news page of their website when someone would tell me "the track listings are up, I saw the new Tool lyrics." For a band

that has been around for almost 16 years, they still make millions beg for more. It's almost a holiday for Tool fans when a new album comes out.

After comprehensively observing how rock bands become great long-lasting bands like Pink Floyd and Led Zeppelin (which I think are fair to compare), Tool falls into the category of one of the greatest bands ever to exist because of their craftsmanship in music and delivering the total package of art, content, originality and creativity.

Tool is definitely eating up a lot of ground in new sound in the arena of rock music. Each album has a new scope of experimentation. Their uniqueness is so defined that when the average person hears Tool for the first time, they think "weird." That's just their inability to comprehend the depth and wisdom of the band known as Tool.

Slow down, enjoy life



KATIE ABASCAL
Assistant News Editor

I believe it was the character Brooks in "Shawshank Redemption" who said, "the world went and got itself in a big damn hurry." I couldn't agree more.

It is sad to say the world has gotten itself into a giant rush. Look around. Fast-food chains dwell on every busy street, allowing people to zip in and zip out. Cars are mass-produced with engines that allow them to go faster than the last model, leading the driver to his destination at a much quicker pace. Countdowns are marked on calendars, demonstrating how people are so ready for the present to pass by. People talk for hours about what they plan on doing with the rest of their lives, but they don't realize that they could be doing something great at that exact moment. Chicago, one of my most favorite places on Earth, is filled with pedestrians in such a rush that they cross streets while the "Don't Walk" hand flashes at them.

Not only do people rush their days away, but they also don't make the most of what time they do have. What I can't understand is how people allow themselves to get caught up in a regular routine. With a day off from work and class, why not do something worthwhile? Does sitting on the couch, eating chips really get the blood flowing?

People say things like "live as though every day is your last" or "take in the moment." But if so many people share this idea, then why do so many waste their lives?

At least try to do one thing different each day. Spring is here, which means Mother Nature will be birthing all sorts of plant life. The next time you see a flower waving at you in the wind, don't be jealous of how free it is. Pick it, and take a whiff of it as though you have never whiffed before. More importantly, make sure you enjoy it. Doing this won't take more than a few seconds, so don't be afraid you'll be losing that much time in your rushed day.

Life is far too short to simply let waste away. Slow down. Relax. Breathe. Enjoy.

I swore I wouldn't



MELISSA BATKA
Editor in Chief

I swore that I wasn't going to do this. I promised myself that I would

not deliver some cheesy commentary about my last issue as editor in chief or my last spring semester before I graduate this fall. But I just can't help myself; I am a cheesy girl. So, bust out your crackers as I immerse you into all the warm and gooey heartfelt advice of a girl who has been there and done that.

Yes, my friends, the end of the road is near for me. I know. I just passed a sign that said "end of the road in eight months." And while that may seem like a long time to some, it seems like only yesterday I passed the sign that said "end of the road in two years." Remember that great aunt or grandparent that tried to tell you that time flies. They weren't kidding.

Many of you can't wait to get out of here and enter the "real world" and make some real money. But college is great. I don't know why I was in such a hurry to leave. This whole experience has been about me. All of my professors taught classes to help me learn and prepare me for a career. What did they really get out of it? A pay check? Alright, they were paid to help me learn and grow. But they were still here for me.

And when else am I going to have a staff of people dedicated to helping me become engaged and well-rounded? I don't know

what I would have done without *The Chronicle*. But without the dedication of Gloria Roldan-Scheib, Carol Wolfe and Rick Riddering there would be no organizations for me to participate in.

But I also realized that as much as my college career has been all about me, it has also been about learning to share myself with the world. One of the greatest things I did at PUC was become an orientation leader. I loved giving tours and helping new students get acquainted with the university. It always made me feel good to know that I was a part of making their college experiences better. The greatest thing I did was become editor in chief of *The Chronicle*. I learned so much about journalism, but even more about myself. I may not have always known what to do, but having the faith of our staff taught me to have faith in myself. And that is something that no class could ever teach me.

From the friendships I have made to the challenges I have overcome and the things that I have learned and the lives I was blessed enough to touch, I can honestly say that it is going to be hard for me to let all of this go. But I know because I had the chance to experience it, when the end of the road comes I will be ready to hop on the freeway.

So, stop counting down the days until it is over and make the best of every second you have left. Try as many new things as you can. Get involved on campus. Challenge yourself. Share yourself with others and let others share themselves with you. Enjoy it.

This is the last time in your life when it is all about you.

Peregrines Holla Back...

What are your plans for the summer?



"Hopefully get an internship and go to Chicago."

Damian Nunez, computer graphics technology, junior



"Getting a new job, hopefully go to the beach a lot and go to California."

Eric Dombrowski, radio and television broadcasting, senior



"Take care of my house. I just bought a house."

Diane Johnson, undecided, junior



"Work, work and work. I need some money."

Joseph Jenkins, undecided, sophomore

Job-seekers: beware

Employers view personal webpages to determine hire of potential employees

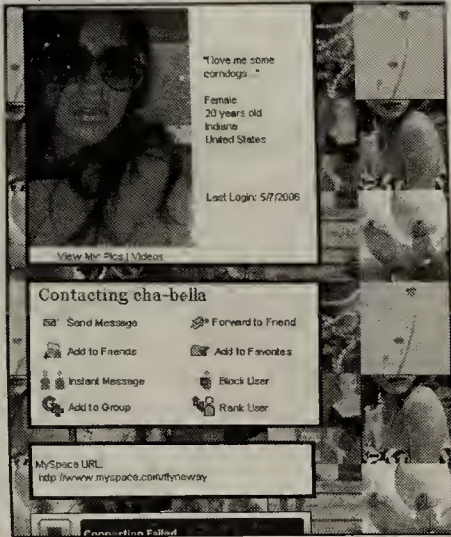
ISABEL RODRIGUEZ
News Editor

Social networking pages, such as Myspace.com and Facebook.com, may be potentially harmful for those seeking jobs. Acting as references and background checks, these networking pages may be visible to an employer, seeking potential workers suitable for their company. Many employers use information they discover on these sites to determine if they should hire someone, according to www.jobsearch.about.com. Current employees also have the possibility of being fired for stating confidential information or inappropriate comments made about the company.

"There's a separation of professional and personal life."
April Komendate, biology, junior

According to Electronic Frontier Foundation, a site "defending digital freedom," one has the right to free speech is protected by the First Amendment, however it

does not protect against the consequences. The site also states the First Amendment does not regulate what private parties, or employers in this case, do. No states have laws specifically protecting bloggers from discrimination, on the job or otherwise. The sites, accessible to the public, can be viewed by anyone unless a student sets the account as private or friends only. Otherwise the contents on the pages stay public. Myspace.com offers a place to blog and network among friends, family, school organizations and even businesses. Facebook allows people with a valid e-mail address from supported high schools or college to register and create a profile to share information, photos and interests with their friends, according to Facebook.com. Within these sites, personal information about a student is listed, from interests and hobbies and many opt to include pictures of themselves or friends, some containing mild to explicit content. Many students fear their lifestyles may affect their professionalism, both for job-seekers and current employees. And many students aren't too happy. "I think it's bull," said April Komendate, a daily Facebook user. "There is a separation of professional and personal life. It's completely inappropriate." Komendate added she does not post personal information or pictures since she knows it's a public forum, saying it is difficult to know who is viewing. An employer should not use websites as a source of judgment or substitute for actual interviews, according to Junior Debbie Czmieł. She agreed with Komendate, saying employers need to use the information they receive from actual sources, not websites.



Chronicle illustration

Employers may seek social networking sites, like Myspace.com to find out more about potential hires.

Yet, not all companies utilize networking pages for the hiring process. Pat Eaheart, store manager for Kohl's Company in Highland, said they do not search any sites and the whole idea is an invasion of privacy. "What they [employees] do outside of work is their business," said Eaheart. "I'm interested in what they do at work, once they punch in that clock." Some of the directors of Center of Career and Leadership Development heard of the reports, and plan to look into the topic to see if such information should be part of the agenda they use to assist students in seeking employment.

Simulation

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semester class for all students receiving a degree in management. The class enables students to apply the knowledge they have acquired and emphasizes strategic management, whereas participants are responsible for making all decisions within their industry. At the international level, the game involves 20 industries with 12 teams per industry.

Sekhar said PUC has only had this game for a few years.

"For students to go to this level where they are competing with so many others, including some grad students, says something about the program," said Sekhar.

Olson and Kang ran a shoe business they named Kicks. Olson, a double major in accounting and finance, commented that marketing, business operation, statistics and economics were all involved in the project. He and Kang, who received a Distinguished Participant Award, spent hours each day working in unison to make intricate decisions in the management of the company.

Olson said meeting face to face with his teammate proved helpful and decisions were submitted daily. All the work related to the simulation was done by computer.

Olson added that reaching the international level, where Kicks placed fourth in its industry, made him feel proud to represent the school since we were the first team invited from PUC.

Although the competition is over, the results can still be viewed at www.bsg-online.com by clicking on Best-Strategy Invitational and looking at the Industry 9 Scoreboard.

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Take 10 with 'Wicked's' Kristy Cates

BY MANDY MORRIS
Staff Writer

I was lucky enough to interview Kristy Cates who can currently be seen in "Wicked" as Elphaba, the Wicked Witch of the West.

Cates is a very busy woman but she found time to answer my questions.

1. How long did you have to memorize the script?

Well, I was lucky with the script of "Wicked." I started learning all of the lines while we were rehearsing the show on Broadway (when I was Idina's understudy) so I was hearing them all day long. The only thing that was confusing was that the lines kept changing [during previews]. Once I would memorize something it would change.

2. How many hours a week do you rehearse?

I don't rehearse much now that I am actually playing the role. As an understudy we rehearsed once a week, usually between 4-8 hours weekly.

3. What are your singing ranges?

Well, thankfully I have been blessed with a large singing range. I can sing from a low D to a high E. Obviously, I don't sing that high as Elphie, so I have to work on my head voice on my own time.

4. Have there been any roles that you wanted but didn't get?

I've always wanted to play Ellen in Miss Saigon and Amneris in Aida. When they were doing these shows on Broadway, I was pretty new to NYC and just didn't have the credits or experience I needed in order to get cast. Maybe someday.

5. How long have you been performing on Broadway?

"Wicked" was my first Broadway show and I was a member of the Broadway cast from August 2003 through May 2005.

6. How do you like performing in Chicago?

I love Chicago. Our fans here are incredibly supportive and the city on a whole is just a wonderful place to be. Plus, Chicago is very supportive and enthusiastic of the arts - and that makes it a joy to work here.

7. What do you do with your free time?

Free time? Haha. I answer e-mails, play with my dog, spend time with my boyfriend and watch American Idol.

8. What is your favorite song or scene to perform in "Wicked?"

My favorite scene in "Wicked" is probably the scene with Stacie [Morgain Lewis who plays Glinda] in the cornfield (the cat fight). I also love the scene right before "Popular." Stacie is a joy to be onstage with and we have a great time together.

9. Does the cast get along well?

Absolutely. We are like one big happy family and I am honored to call the people I work with my friends.

10. What is the question you are asked the most?

At the stage door I always get asked "how did you get the green off so fast?" I guess I am just good at de-greenifying.

Come see Kristy, Stacie and the rest of the cast. Tickets are available at www.ticketmaster.com.

'Marley' a loving tribute to a bad dog with big heart

BY NICOLE ELISCHER
Staff Writer

In stories like "Old Yeller" and "My Dog Skip," a boy comes of age through the help of a four-legged friend. In "Marley and Me," journalist John Grogan learns the meaning of love and fatherhood through the eyes of 97 pound labrador retriever with a wild spirit and a big heart.

"Marley and Me" begins with a small story about Grogan's first dog, Saint Shaun. Shaun, a mutt that saw Grogan through his childhood was the perfect dog that would set the standards for any other dog Grogan later adopted.

The story picks up in the early '90s, when Grogan and his new wife Jenny decided that adopting a dog would help their parenting skills. They adopted a labrador retriever puppy and named him Marley after the couple's love for reggae singer Bob Marley. Marley was not exactly majestic as he got expelled from obedience school, destroyed the garage when he was left alone during thunderstorms and ate everything from mangos to an 18-karat necklace.

But Marley's heart was as boundless as his energy. He became a gentle, diaper-loving giant when children entered the picture, starred as himself in a small family movie and rode a toboggan through Pennsylvania woods.

Being an animal lover (and owner of a 70 pound, lovable but spoiled mutt) I instantly fell in love with Grogan's very detailed memories of the wild terror known as Marley, from his mango-fluorescent poop to a "come on command" that turns into a tackle. I particularly loved the scenes where Marley's body would "mambo" as he swallowed various items from paper towels to Handi-Wipes.

In one part of the book, Marley swallowed an 18-karat necklace Grogan got for his wife as a birthday present. He spent four days on poop duty and the necklace was finally "rescued." It was not only in one piece but brighter than before.

In the chapter called "The Audition" Marley landed a small role in a family movie called "The Last Home Run." However, his first day on the set almost



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"Marley" is a must-read for anyone who knows the joys of owning a dog.

turned out to be his last as Marley messed up his cues and chewed on his leash. But cast and crew loved him and the Grogan family rejoices when they see their loopy dog for two minutes on the direct to video screen.

I also loved the parts of the book where Marley is not part of the action. One situation took place in "In the Land of Bocahontas" where Grogan talks about this Pocahontas spoof he created that made fun of Boca Raton, a Florida city known for luxury cars and Italian loafers. Grogan fears that the residents of Boca will burn his carcass in front of a jewelry store when the family needs to move because their son Connor's room is in the breezeway.

Not all the book is a barrel of crazy dog capers. The last four chapters of the book get harder and harder to read as Grogan describes the last years of Marley's life. By the time I got to Marley's final car ride I had to stop, then pick up and read the remaining chapters with tear-covered eyes.

Overall, "Marley" is a heartwarming book that shows sometimes man's friend does not have to be loyal and good-natured, but can be wild like the wind.

Elizabeth's Random Fact of the Week

'80s childrens show character David from the show "The World of David the Gnome" was voiced by "Happy Days" father, Tom Bosley.



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Chronicle must have albums

The staff at *The Chronicle* was asked to tell readers a little bit about their all-time favorite album. The album could be in any genre, from any era. The album simply needed to speak to them and stand the test of time. These are the albums that individual *Chronicle* staff members feel are the true "must have" albums for college students or music fans of any age.

Bob Marley and the Wailers- 'Legend'

DAVID P. FUNK
Managing Editor

This wasn't an easy decision. I thought about The Clash, The Smashing Pumpkins, Pearl Jam, The Shins and even some old O.A.R. But I kept coming back to a single album; "Legend- The Best of Bob Marley and the Wailers."

And no, I'm not a pothead.

This album was my first exposure to Marley, during my freshman year in West Lafayette. My roommate Jon was a recovering pothead who had gotten deep into the

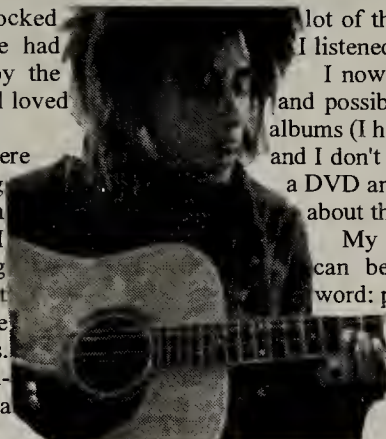
hemp-wearing, dreadlocked and sandaled culture. He had already been reformed by the time I met him but he still loved him some Marley.

One afternoon, we were both in our room studying when he put the album into his computer. Before I realized it, I was bobbing my head to the reggae beat and entranced by the power of the man's words. I began to notice the influence this music had on a

lot of the contemporary artists I listened to.

I now own no less than four and possibly up to seven Marley albums (I have far too much music and I don't keep track). I also own a DVD and have read two books about the man.

My attraction to this album can be summed up in one word: positivity.



Smashing Pumpkins- 'Mellon Collie and the Infinite Sadness'

LINDA MERRICK
Production Manager

"I fear that I am ordinary, just like everyone. I know that I am meant for this world, my life has been extraordinary, blessed and cursed and won." - from the song "Muzzle."

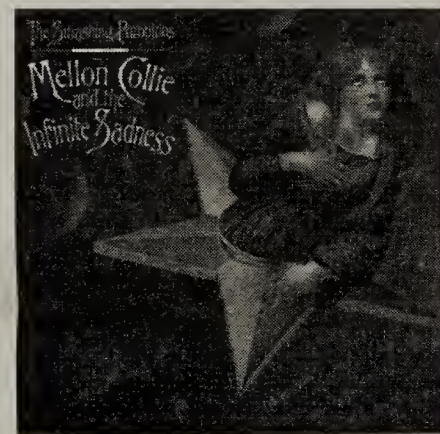
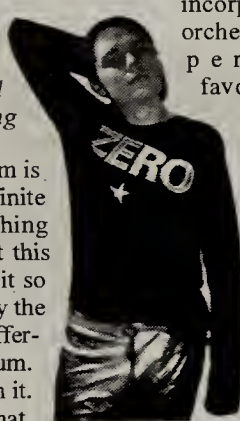
My all time favorite album is "Mellon Collie & the Infinite Sadness" by the Smashing Pumpkins. What is it about this album that makes me love it so much? It's probably the way the band incorporates many different sounds into a single album. I could never get bored with it. There are many songs that

have a harder sound like "X.Y.U.," "Bullet with Butterfly Wings" (it's not called "Rat in a Cage") and "Tales of a Scorched Earth." But there are also many slower songs like "1979" and "Thirty Three." I really like the idea of incorporating an orchestra in my personal favorite song, "Tonight, Tonight."

"An Ode to No One" is such an angry song and I love it. "Muzzle" has some of the best lyrics. It was originally written by Billy Corgan (the lead singer) for his wife at the time and his best friend. The song

revolves around the many changes of life and how there are good and bad changes that everyone experiences but these changes are what make us who we are.

Overall this is the best album I have ever



heard. I believe the best singles, music videos and album art in rock music came out of this album.

Jeff Buckley - 'Grace'

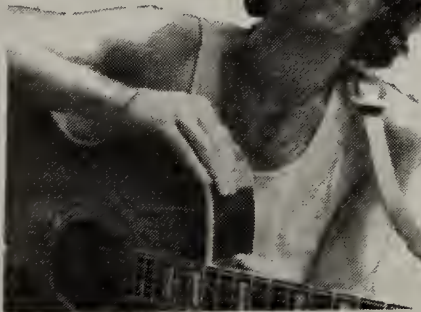
ERIN WILSON
Staff Writer

Choosing a favorite album is hard. I know that personally, my favorite song changes from week to week and my preferences are always changing. I know many people with the same problem.

However, when I go through my collection of music, the one CD that always stands out is "Grace" by Jeff Buckley. It always manages to find its way into the collection of CDs that I carry in my car. As a matter of fact, the first time that I drove

alone after I received my license Jeff Buckley carried me through.

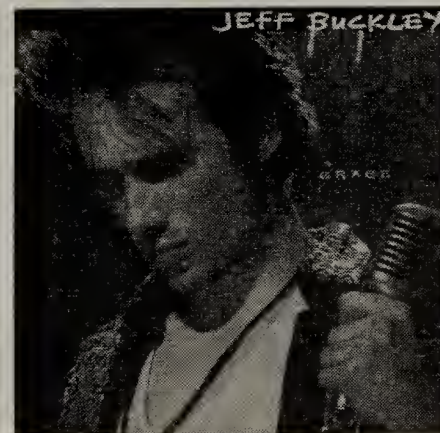
Before his untimely death in May of 1997,



Buckley was quite possibly one of the most promising artists of his generation. His debut album, "Grace" was released in August 1994 and continues to resonate with audiences today.

The reason this album is a must-have is that it seems to speak to you, no matter what mood you're in. He preaches peace in the song, "Eternal Life." The soulful strains of "Lover, You Should Have Come Over" could make you cry. His cover of Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah" is hauntingly beautiful. Buckley hits every note of every song and makes you believe it.

It's a great introduction to a great artist who was gone too soon.



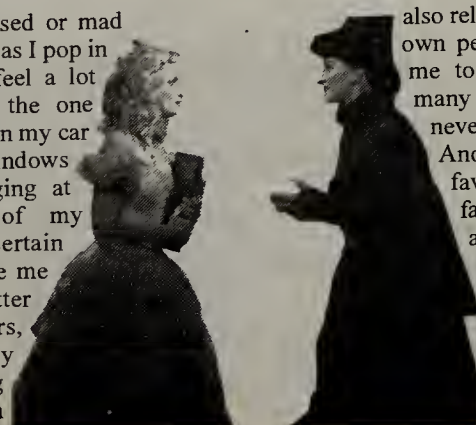
'Wicked' musical soundtrack

MANDY MORRIS
Staff Writer

I thought about my favorite CD and it wasn't very hard to choose. At the moment, my favorite CD is the "Wicked" musical soundtrack. I have only owned the CD for four months but it is by far the one I listen to the most. For one thing, it has catchy music and lyrics and features some of my favorite actresses singing these songs.

Another reason this is my favorite CD is how it makes me feel. I can be feeling

sad, depressed or mad but as soon as I pop in the CD I feel a lot better. It's the one CD I blast in my car with the windows down, singing at the top of my lungs. Certain songs make me feel better than others, especially when I sing them. I can



also relate to some of the songs in my own personal life and that connects me to the music. No matter how many times I replay the songs, I never seem to get tired of them. Another reason why it is my favorite CD is because it's a favorite among my little sisters as well. We do sing-a-longs in the kitchen and we have a lot of fun. Overall, the "Wicked" soundtrack is a fun album that offers something for every fan of musicals.



Congratulations PUC graduates
Spring 2006



Anthony Anastasi



Congratulations Anthony! We are so proud of you. With God you can face life's challenges. Work hard. Believe and achieve. The world awaits.

Love, Mom, Dad, and Nicole

Brennan Joseph Pierce



Brennan,

We are so proud of you and all your accomplishments! Congratulations! May all your future goals be met. Keep up the good work!

With our love always,
Mom, Dad and Brett

Christoher Colella

Dance as if no one watching
Sing as if no one is listening
And live each day as if it were your last.
We hope you Dance!
Way to go.
Love,
Dad, Mom and Adam



Daniel A.M. Bruce

To a little slugger who made a grand slam!
Congratulations in the game of life! May you always get past first base to make it home!

With love,
Larry, Shannon and Mom



Derrick M. Kelly



Congratulations! You are a true inspiration to your family and an excellent role model for your children. You have shown us the importance of determination and that it's never too late to accomplish your dreams. We love you.

Hilda, Chavon, Dominique and Little Derrick

Michele

Michele,

We are very proud of you. Raising a son and enough energy to study and focus on your school work is just amazing. We love you and you will succeed in life because you have the drive and spirit to make your life a success. You are a great mother and daughter.

Love,
Mom and Dad



Good job Mommy! I love you!

Love,
Ennis

Lindsey Rosenbaum

You are a shining example of what a daughter can be-
Loving and compassionate
Beautiful and good
Honest and principled
Determined and independent
Sensitive and intelligent
You are a shining example of what every parent wishes their daughter were
And we are so very proud of you.
It is so exciting to watch you on your path to success



As you follow your dreams and make them a reality

We love you,
Dad, Mom, Kylee and Chanler

Richard Cornel Gil

Richard,
Words cannot express the great sense of pride and dignity you bring into our family. You have accomplished a great task and we are so proud of our little brother. You are on a road with great promise and so much potential! Keep living the dream! We love you so much.

Congratulations!
Cynthia, Mary, and Daniel Gil



William D. Walker



Will,

Congratulations! We are all so proud of you. You have definitely given it you all to succeed in

your goals. You have proven that you can do whatever you put your mind to. Your achievement sets a great example for those who look up to you. As you move on to grad school, we wish you the best of luck. Emily Dickinson once said "We never know how high we are, til' we are called to rise; and then, if we are true to our plan, our statures touch the skies." Congrats.

Love,
Your family, friends and future wife

Yekensia Willis

Your parents and daughter are so proud of you. We knew it was a long hard task but you had the endurance and courage to finish what you started and never gave up. Congratulations Yekensia from your Godmother Yovvne. Congratulations Yekensia from Randy, a very special friend. I love you.

Congratulations YA-YA from your friends!
Candace H., Rhonda W., Penny D., Cynthia C., Lynda L., Willette B., Mary R., Vanessa S., Michelle S., Carolyn T. and Cindy F.



Rafael Swift

The journey through life can seem long, challenging and filled with rewards and disappointment. Nevertheless, you have taken the journey and faced the challenge through prayer and perseverance to achieve this awesome goal. The pride and dream of every parent is to witness the success of their child. You made this one of the proudest days in our lives since your birth. Continue to fulfill your dreams, pursue your passions, and turn all of life's lessons into blessings. Go with God and he will always be with you. Congratulations and continued success always.



Much love,
Mom and Dad

Scott R. Reed

Scott- Just wanted to say how proud I am of you. I have watched you grow and achieve many things. I can't wait to see what's next and reach for the stars son because there's someone else very proud of you, too and he will help you along the way. I love you. Congratulations.

Love,
Mom

Scott- to a beautiful person fueling an intellectual mind in pursuit of high aspirations. Your dedication to learning will propel you forward onto becoming an even greater success. My hope for you is to find that fulfilling, exciting, adventurous, rewarding career you deserve. I foresee you con-



stantly effecting other's lives in a positive way, including mine. I couldn't be prouder of you, Scott!

Love,
Lisa

Sherri Lynn Terrel Mendoza



Sherri it has taken a long time for you to achieve this goal in your life, but you finally made it. Mom and Dad are very proud of you. We want to wish you the very best of luck. May God bless you as you continue on with your education.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Theresa Brudd



Mom,

We love you and are very proud of you.
Go Mom!

Ava, Rylie and Sophia

Todd Winland

Congratulations Daddy. Words can not describe how proud we are of you. You are a wonderful father and husband. You will be one of those teachers who is unforgettable. The teaching profession is lucky to be getting such a hardworking and dedicated person. We love you with all our hearts.

Love,
Mandi and Sami



Timothy Craig Orcutt

To think you were 3 pounds 5 ounces when you were born! And now you are going to be a fabulous teacher! We are so proud of you. God's blessings to you. You will make a difference!

Love,
Mom and Dad



Wendell Carey

This message is an expression of my gratitude and to acknowledge the entire Carey family. This especially includes my parents (Arthur and Maggie Carey) and my wife and children (Karin, Arthur and Alaina Carey). I want to "thank you" because I appreciate your patience, support and all the sacrifice you have made to assist me in completing and achieving the degree of masters in business administration. I love you all.

Wendell Carey



Congratulations Wendell Arthur Carey on completing the Purdue University Calumet school of management requirements. In achieving your masters degree in business administration, we are very proud of your accomplishment.

Love,
The Carey family- Karin, Arthur and Alaina Carey



Marisa Victoria Rosario

Marisa,

When you were born on December 23, 1981 my life was blessed and changed forever. I didn't realize what I was yearning for until Jesus gave me YOU. You were my main focus. The Lord, my God, has helped me raise you to be the compassionate, kind, loving and intelligent young lady you are today. Your grandpa and grandma love you so much. I know they are continuously interceding for you with our Lord for your health and well-being. I am so proud of YOU. Stay prayerful and put your trust in life in JESUS. HE is NUMBER 1! He will guide your every step if you listen to his word. I LOVE YOU!

MOMMY

Ernest R. Lukesch

Ernie,
We are all so proud of you. We know it's been a long journey, but if anyone could do it you can. Good luck in your future and always remember you can come to us for anything you may need through your life. We love you. You are a great son, brother and person.

Mom, Dad, Sue, Bill, George and Honey

Jason Gondek

Congratulations Jason! Your determination and effort brought us here today to celebrate this very special day with you. We are proud of you. Good luck and success for your future go out and make a difference.

Love,
Mom, Dad and Kristen

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Jeffrey M. Schumacher

Jeff,
No words can express enough of how proud you have made me. My dreams of you becoming a Purdue Calumet graduate are coming true. You have worked very hard to achieve your degree. Now, you can go forth to achieve another goal; a good career for a good life ahead of you. I am so proud to call you my son, Jeff!

Love always,
Mom

Kenneth Owen Sailors

Big congratulations to my son Ken! After all the hard work that you've done, all the set-backs that you've had through no fault of your own and you still had enough drive through it all to accomplish your final goal. I am very, very proud of you! You will be a fine asset to the high school where you'll teach science and to the students that you will teach.

Good luck and much love,
Mom

Gustavo Arana

Congratulation! Good luck and keep up the good work. All of your family is very proud of your accomplishments.

We love you!
Mom, Dad and Krissy

Micheal Herbeck

You worked so hard for so long, and you did it! We are so proud of you. You're a wonderful son. We love you.

Ma and Dad

Kristel Marie Rey

Dear Kristy Rey,
Through the years I've watched you grow into this beautiful, wonderful, smart and caring woman. Congratulations on this very special graduation day, earning your degree - I'm so very proud of you! The very best to you always.

Love always,
Mom

Pamela Jayne Bateman

Good luck Tooter! We all knew you would do it! We wish you even more success than you've already had. We all love you.
Mom, Dad and Kimberly

Michelle Biel

Congratulations on your great accomplishment. We love you and are very proud of you. Best of luck in your future endeavors.

Mom and Dad

Paul Frohnapple

Hey Daddio!
I just wanted to say congratulations! I knew you could do it. I am so proud and excited to be able to see you walk across that stage. I am even more excited to finally be able to make "the big walk" down the aisle together! I love you! Way to go!

Krystal Potts

Paul Redman

You have made us so proud beyond words. Congratulations Paul and thanks for being our son.

Love always,
Mom and Dad

Tips for graduating seniors

JESSICA COCHRAN
Staff Writer

With graduation quickly approaching, many students are concerned about the "real world" waiting just around the corner. Whether these students are currently employed or still looking, there are many tips to keep in mind for the transition.

According to www.CollegeGrad.com, the top three criteria that employers rank as being most important are the student's majors, interviewing skills and experience. However, the student's GPA is also important.

Before looking for the perfect career there are many questions to ask, such as what type of environment is preferable and what the cost of living is. Also, students need to research companies of interest and talk to people in their field. This will better prepare the student to tailor their resume to that specific business.

"The better you know yourself the better you can market yourself," said Lorraine Fiordelisi, CCLD recruiting coordinator.

Most companies are looking for employees with strong communication skills, which include being articulate, persuasive and having the ability to listen. Interpersonal skills and ethics are also very important.

According to Fiordelisi, "it's the little things that count" during an interview.

Arrive 15 minutes early, call the interviewer by their last name and have a strong handshake. Dress professionally because they will size interviewees up in the first three seconds, and never ask about finances or vacation time.

When expecting a second interview, make sure an answering machine or voice-mail has a short and professional message, as well as supplying the interviewer with a professional looking e-mail address.

Try to stand out. Always showcase innate skills during an interview and illustrate what you can bring to the table. Remember, it's not what the company can do for interviewees;

it's what interviewees can do for the company.

Receiving a rejection letter is one of the hardest events while searching for a job, explains Fiordelisi.

"Do something every day to keep your hopes up and always maintain a positive attitude," said Fiordelisi.

Accept the rejection and try not to take it personally; sometimes it's just not a proper fit, she added.

If a student is receiving a great amount of rejection letters, then it might be time to brush up on his or her interviewing skills and resume. On the other hand, if a student is receiving a large number of offers that person should be careful not to become arrogant. Be honest and polite and know that there are ways to negotiate things, such as salary.

According to a representative of Crown Staffing in Merrillville who preferred to remain anonymous, students must be persistent. If rejected, check back in a month or two because a lot can happen in that amount of

time.

Utilizing an employment agency is a great way to find job openings. However, Fiordelisi warns students to research agencies before submitting their resumes. Other good resources are the PUC CareerTrax, job fairs and local papers.

"Be patient," said Fiordelisi. "Have realistic expectations and be ready for the pitfalls, but most of all, don't change who you are."

For more information and tips, pick up a Career Success Guide at the Center for Career and Leadership Development in SUL 349, or visit www.pucjobs.com

Barenaked Ladies- 'Disc One'

ELIZABETH WILKINSON
Entertainment Editor

My number one, all time favorite album has got to be Barenaked Ladies "Disc One: All Their Greatest Hits." BNL is commonly seen as a group of shallow men in shorts who write lyrics such as "chickety China the Chinese chicken" and lack any true musical talent. This assumption could not be further from the truth. As a matter of fact, some of the worst music (in my opinion) BNL has ever made was the only music to ever hit the radio in the United States. BNL is probably one of the most underrated bands of all time.

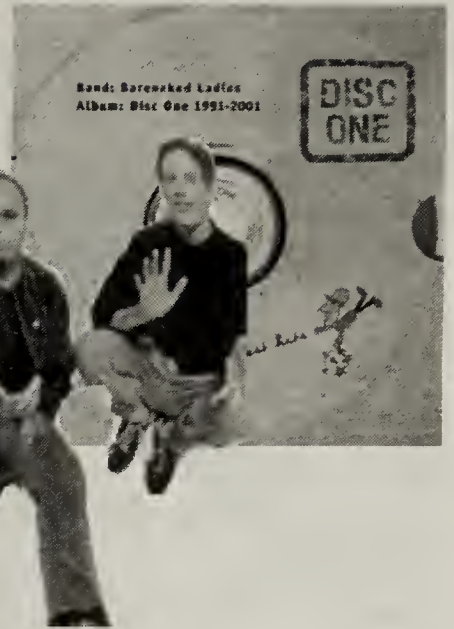
Upon the recommendation of a friend, I bought this disc a few years back and it was immediately obvious that this band is so much more than what we have heard on

the radio. Ever since the first listen I have been a die-hard BNL fan and have since bought every one of their CDs.

While BNL certainly has a silly side (as seen in their biggest American hit, "One Week"), they have a serious side as well. It's a shame that songs like "Lovers in a Dangerous Time" and "What a Good Boy" never made the American airwaves. These are the types of songs that show who BNL really is and what the group is really capable of. Many of BNL's songs have a tone of heartbreak and depression with a screen of happiness and silliness on top of them.

While "Disc One" doesn't expose listeners to all of the wonder that is BNL, it is certainly a good start.

From start to finish, this album, like all other BNL albums, "Disc One" shows the amazing and overlooked talent of this band. The lyrics are personal and relatable and the music itself is awesome.



The Blood Brothers- 'March on Electric Children'

BRANDON THOMAS
Sports Editor

The Blood Brothers' "March on Electric Children" was the second and shortest of four albums. It was very hard for me to choose between their EP and their other three disks. The band has simply not made a bad song.

When watching The Blood Brothers, you see five brilliant artists working together to create a shrill harmonious ensemble attacking the flaws of everyday life.

Mark Gajadhar mans the drums and plays fast-paced, heart-pumping percussions. Morgan Henderson plays the bass. Henderson plays some deep melodic chords that complement the guitar nicely.

"New York Slave" is a song which features him showing off some of his bass skills.

The guitar is shredded by Cody Votolato. Votolato does not seem to know the meaning of a power chord and plays

uncharted riffs, creating a high sound that complements the vocals well.

Two singers, Johnny Whitney and Jordan Blilie, head the band. Blilie plays the keyboard in select songs and they both pick up the occasional maraca and other instruments. A deep and high pitched vocal duel is one of the many unique factors of the band. Both singers sport earsplitting screams with crafty melodic synchronization.

The lyrics are perhaps the band's best attribute. The satirical lyrics resemble metered poetry. They use symbolism, hyperbole and analogy to express themselves.

"March on Electric Children" was the band's second and hardest CD. While every CD represents their spastic, energetic lash on soci-



ety, "March on Electric Children's" nine songs are a stunning punch in the face of contemporary music.

Iron Maiden- 'Fear of the Dark'

JEFF WAUGAMAN
Staff Writer

What makes an album an absolute favorite? For me, it is great songs along with classic art on the cover. Iron Maiden's must-own album, "Fear of the Dark," has all of this and much more.

Iron Maiden was formed in 1976 by bassist Steve Harris. Vocalist Bruce Dickinson joined the band in 1982 for the Iron Maiden's ground-breaking "Number of the Beast." Iron Maiden has always been an underground attraction. Although failing to obtain any real media attention in the United States, crit-

ics claimed them to be Satanists due to their dark musical themes and their use of a grim mascot, Eddie.

From the first scream of "Be Quick or Be Dead," you know that it is going to be a great album. One of my favorite songs is "Fear is the Key." This song holds one of my all-time favorite lines, "Nobody cares until somebody famous dies." This lyric has a great deal of truth behind it.

This is an ultimate

album for me because it is the first "Iron Maiden" disc I bought with my own money. One of the best opening lines in metal comes in the song "Wasting Love" which is "Maybe one day I will be an honest man/Up 'til now I am doing the best I can." With these words, you know what kind of song it is going to be. Among these classic songs is the epic title track. This is a song that is necessary to hear live and on CD.

The cover is a classic- just like every other album cover on an Iron Maiden disc. Iron Maiden is a great band and "Fear of the Dark" shows it. It makes you want to go back and get the rest of their discs.



Alice DeeJay- 'Who Needs Guitars Anyway?'

MELISSA BATKA
Editor in Chief

I love music. So it was hard to limit myself to one genre and one album. How did I narrow it down? I dug through my collection and choose the one album I knew no one else on staff would pick.

"Who Needs Guitars Anyway?" is the electronic/dance debut album of Alice DeeJay. And even though some of you may not be huge fans of dance music, I am certain that anyone who has been in a club or bar at some point in the past six years has heard DeeJay's single, "Better off Alone."

Most people have some kind of connection to the type of music they listen to or

the bands they love. That is why I will never criticize the musical choices of others. But let me tell you, I catch a lot of crap for listening to high energy/dance/electronic music. I can't figure out why.

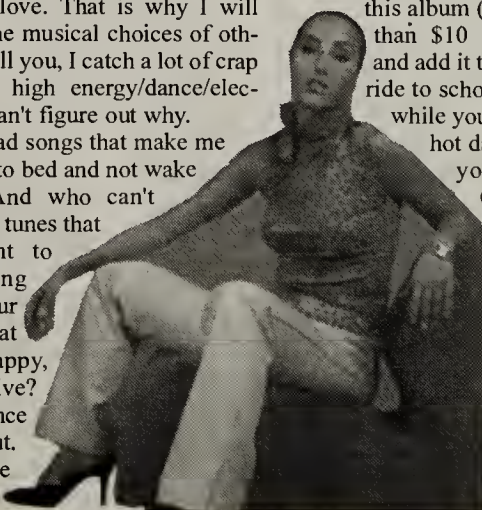
I am all for sad songs that make me want to crawl into bed and not wake up for days. And who can't appreciate angry tunes that make you want to throw something off the top of your apartment? What about being happy, active and positive? That is what dance music is all about.

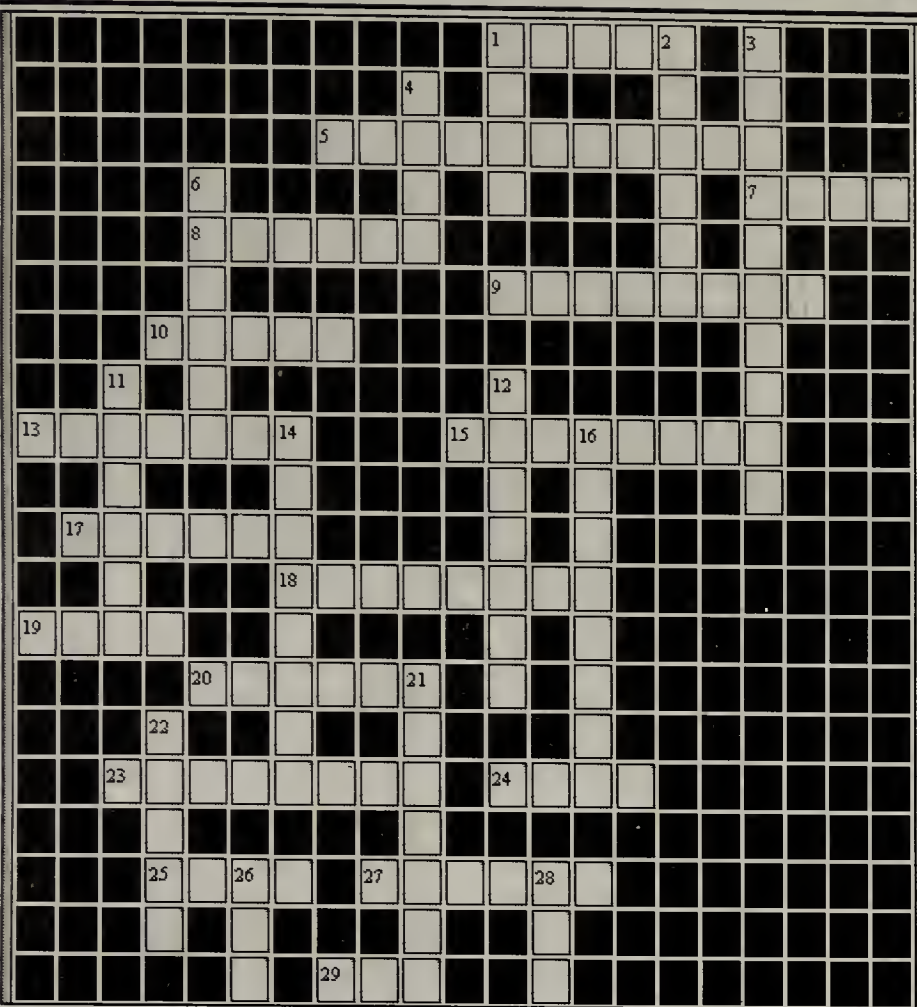
I challenge you to purchase

this album (You can find it for less than \$10 on www.amazon.com) and add it to your workout or your ride to school or work. Listen to it

while you are getting ready for a hot date or after a fight with your significant other. Can you feel that? Can you feel that rush of energy; those muscles in the corners of your mouth pulling upward into-what is that- a smile?

That is dance music and dance music is "Who Needs Guitars Anyway?"





Summer Time

Across

Down

1. people swim in them, sometimes have diving boards and slides

5. kids flock to his van when they hear his song

7. Tiger Woods, Jack Nicklaus and Ben Hogan were some of this game's greats

8. summer TV shows are never new, they're always these

9. this holiday is the unofficial end of summer

10. the shore, sand, water and sun

13. April showers bring these in May

15. cooking outside with friends, usually with a grill

17. women's bathing suit (two pieces)

18. lemon + water + sugar = this

19. the sixth month

20. shorter than pants

23. In the UK, it's called holiday

24. the month we celebrate our independence

25. in the wilderness or at a lodge
1. swings, trees, a playground and an open meadow

2. begins June 21

3. protect your eyes from the sun

4. they make honey

6. a cool, light wind

11. be sure to use this so you don't burn

12. summer shoes

14. sail on one of these

16. our national past time

21. be sure to use lotion so you don't get one of these

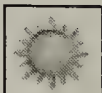
22. a favorite summer activity involving a ball and gloves

26. the fifth month

28. this solar system's star



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**Friday
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30% chance of precipitation



**Tuesday
May 9**
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30% chance of precipitation



**Saturday
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**Wednesday
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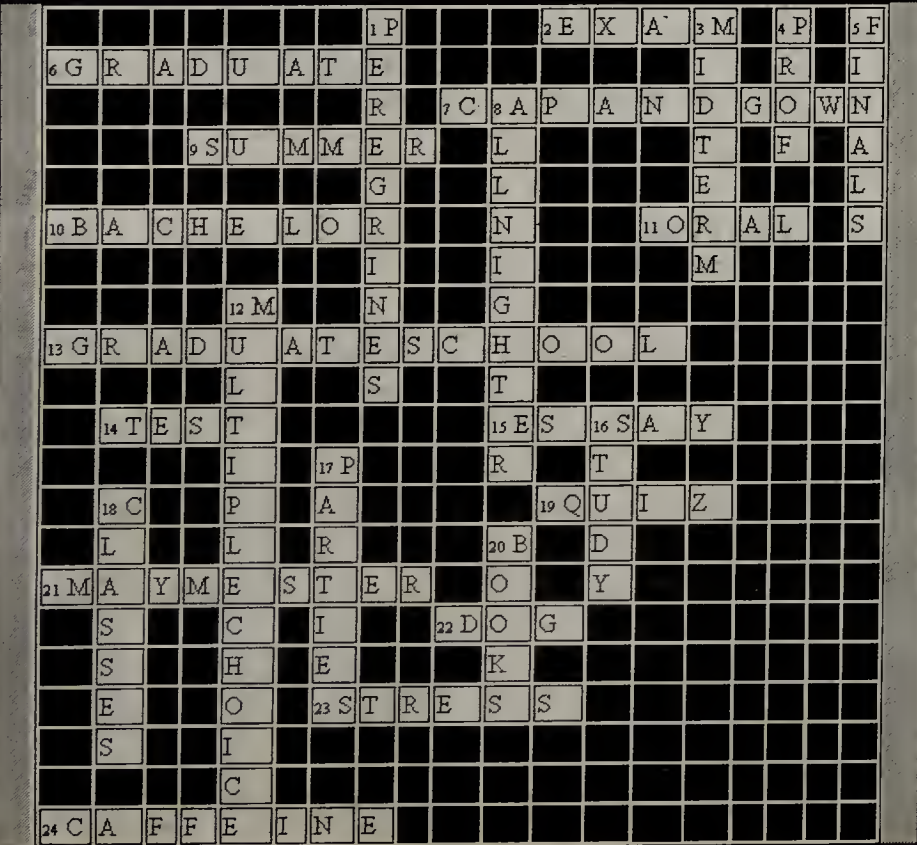
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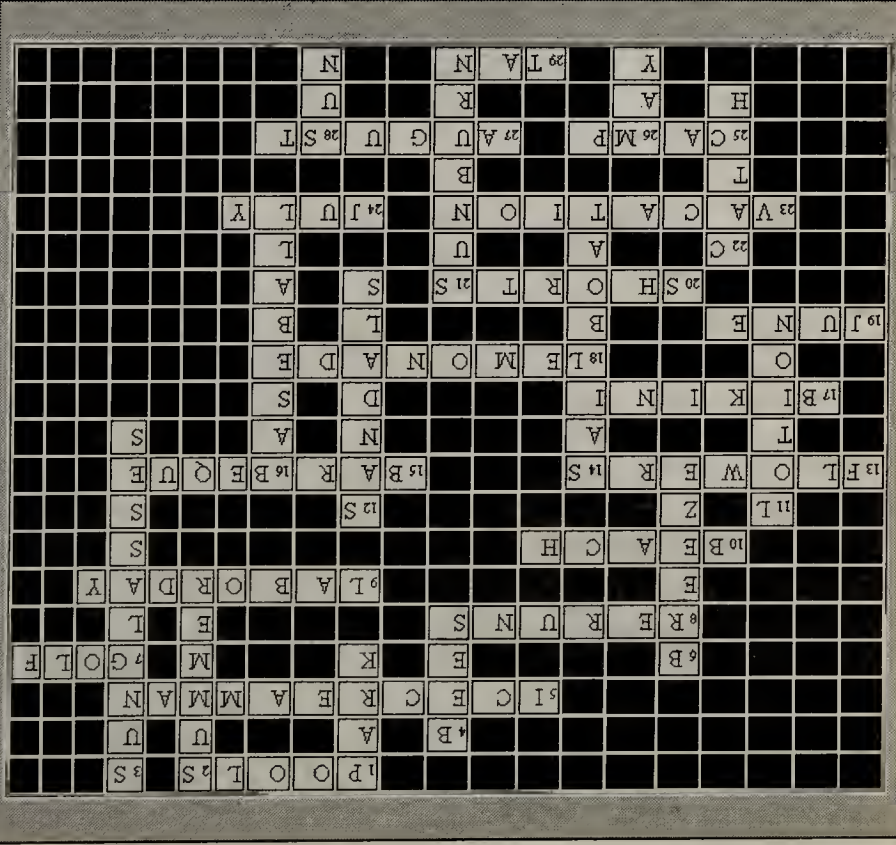


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Last week's Crossword Answers



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The spotlight's on...

Karen Gresh



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Senior Karen Gresh (left) attended the International Presentation of Performers conference in Arizona, receiving the chance to meet with celebrities including Michael Capon (right) from the WB drama "One Tree Hill."

NICOLE ELISHER
Staff Writer

Traveling around the world and a possible career on a Disney Channel show are just two of the things PUC senior Karen Gresh plans to do this summer as she prepares to graduate.

A general communications major, Gresh has also given campus tours as a Student Ambassador.

"I became interested in acting just because I love acting and singing," said Gresh. "I love entertaining people and being the center of attention."

Gresh is also a student at the John Robert Powers Acting Academy in Chicago. At the academy, she said she and other aspiring actors take classes in how to be professional, learn the different terms used in the entertainment industry and meet with agents and casting directors.

"It's almost real life experience as an actress," said Gresh.

Gresh has also learned the entertainment industry is a hard profession.

"You always have to be available for auditions, look perfect, have a smile on your face," said Gresh. "Nothing is ever easy."

In January, Gresh attended the International Presentation of Performers conference in Arizona. Besides meeting with agents, casting directors and acting managers, she also met a few celebrities, including Josh Duhamel from the NBC Drama "Las Vegas" and Michael Capon from the WB drama "One Tree Hill."

She has also auditioned for the Disney Channel and made it to the final round. Gresh will be auditioning for Casting Director Joey Paul in July. Only the top members from her acting class were called back for the final round of the auditions.

This summer, Gresh is taking a history course in Venezuela with her sister Kym, a PUC sophomore.

She said she will also be traveling the world with her family, with stops in Australia, Italy, China, Ireland and England.

Gresh has also faced some challenges.

Last May, her father passed away at home. He was stricken with encephalitis, a rare disease that only occurs in one out of every 100,000 individuals.

Gresh said her father had worked with the Indiana State Teacher's Association as Co-President. Since his death, ISTA has made a \$1,000 scholarship in his name for any student going into media/library studies.

"It helps knowing that others have lost such a great teacher but no amount of money could replace such a missed, beloved father," said Gresh.

After college, Gresh plans to move to Los Angeles for a part on a Disney Channel show or a full time job at Walt Disney World as an entertainment cast member in the parks to perform in shows and parades.

Of her experience at PUC, Gresh said, "I have learned that it's ok to be who you are and you don't need to impress anyone except your professors."

Duffy to speak at commencement

ISABEL RODRIGUEZ
News Editor

After selecting PUC for his collegiate studies, Mike Duffy started unsure of his decision. As a commuter college, Duffy doubted PUC was a prestigious and competitive place, despite being part of the Purdue campuses.

Yet after earning his history degree in four years, Duffy came to a realization: PUC is indeed a respected university offering an impressive history program and amazing faculty. The qualifications of the programs ensure students work hard, Duffy said.

"The instructors in this department are in line with those of elite schools like the University of Chicago and Norte Dame," said Duffy.

Duffy was selected to give the commencement speech this year, nominated by the faculty.

He added he was still unsure of what to include in his speech, but will acknowledge the way the faculty prepares students for the real world.

Duffy, also minoring in English, said he initially couldn't decide between majoring in history or English, yet finally chose history.

"It's better than fiction. You can't make up the things that have happened in human history," said Duffy.

Once graduating this semester, Duffy plans to attend Valparaiso University for his master degree in liberal arts with a concentration in history. After completing his masters, his next stop will be with Valparaiso Law School in the fall of 2007. Duffy said

after that agenda, he doesn't want to plan too much ahead for the future.

"Beyond that, I don't know," said Duffy. "I don't want to get to ahead of myself."

Duffy expressed his strong interest in politics, stating he hopes to utilize his degrees in that field.

A member of Phi Alpha Theta, the History Honors Society at PUC and reporter for *The Chronicle*, Duffy is also an active member of the Respect Life Committee and Vocation Committee, both at St. Thomas Moore Parish in Munster. He also participates in the local chapter of the International Thomas Merton Society which meets at STM. Participating in PAT reflects Duffy's strength in history while joining RLC enables him to promote the Pro-Life message, something extremely important to him.

"Vocations and Merton are just a part of my faith," said Duffy.

"It has been an honor to receive these accolades. I hope I have made PUC proud."

Mik Duffy, history, senior

Yet Duffy's active life in organization for the community doesn't stop there. Along with his family, he participates in www.operationAC.com, a national organization that allows people to "adopt" soldiers serving overseas and send them care packages.

Duffy is also a recipient of some scholarships and awards while attending PUC, including Dean's List, Lucas Scholarship,



Chronicle photo by Jessica Cochran

Mike Duffy, this year's commencement speaker, hopes to convey is his experiences and gratitude for not only the history program but for the university as a whole.

honorable mention for Stark-Tinkham and an outstanding student award from the history department twice.

"It has been an honor to receive these accolades," said Duffy. "I hope I have made PUC proud."

Besides his involvement in academics, Duffy enjoys a list of hobbies including collections of model cars and presidential and political memorabilia.

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Elections

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week in a tie. Both are nearly constant presences on campus and the position was easily the most campaigned for.

Thompson lists his goals if elected as improving communication within the SGA as well as with the general public. He thinks he'll work well with the new president and vice president.

"I've gotten to know [Lynch and Ciesielski] fairly well," said Thompson.

Thompson wants to provide students more opportunities to interact with the administration.

Finney, who admits he didn't vote until the extension, wants senators to be more involved in getting the SGA message to the student body. Finney himself is currently an SGA senator.

While he is willing to accept the students' decision to vote for Thompson, Finney feels he is the better candidate.

"[Thompson] hasn't been involved," said Finney. "While I'm sure he's capable, he just hasn't been involved so he shouldn't be a member of the executive board."

Thompson believes that both he and Finney put up a good fight.

In the only other contested race of the election, incumbent Derek Newell won the secretary position receiving 46 percent of the vote to Crystal Watson's 40 percent.

Questions

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The Chronicle staff asked random students on campus if they could identify who the current president and vice president of the SGA are and if they knew what the SGA did at PUC. Hardly any of the students *The Chronicle* spoke with could answer either question and very few of them had voted.

One cause of the low voter turnout may have been the deadline for candidates' applications being pushed back twice. Although this was done in an effort to give more students an opportunity to get involved, it also postponed the elections. Sanjay Anand, current senator for the junior class and senator elect of the senior class, said that because the elections were late this year it did not give candidates the opportunity to do a lot of campaigning. Dunn agrees a lack of public

relations may have hurt this year's elections.

But Dunn thinks the biggest problem with this year's elections was that there was not a lot of competition for positions. Of the five executive board positions, only two were opposed. Dunn believes competition among positions, especially the president, is what makes students want to cast their votes. Dunn said that by creating an interest in the SGA will help create a full senate and, in turn, help create more competition for positions.

But President elect Stephen Lynch feels that the number of senate seats held is not what makes or breaks the SGA.

"It's not about butts in the seats, it's about butts in gear," Lynch said.

Fort-Liberte Bishop to discuss conditions in Haiti

KATIE ABASCAL
Assistant News Editor

Bishop Chibly Langlois, the Bishop of Fort-Liberte, Haiti will be visiting PUC on Thursday May 11 for a discussion over "Haiti in Transition." Bishop Langlois and the Catholic Relief Services staff will speak about conditions in Haiti, current efforts, work on orphanages, hopes for the future of Haiti and time for an open forum.

Years of political and social instability turned Haiti into the poorest country in the western hemisphere, leaving the country without social, environmental and financial resources. Some of Haiti's specific problems include high malnutrition rates, insecurity and poor health and educational services.

The conditions of Haiti are at their worst within the past decade. Often, children in orphanages are put in a single bed by groups of three because of overcrowding. Hospital waiting rooms remain full on most days, with gunshot victims and young, nursing mothers. From periodic storms and floods, the slums of Haiti are filled with people who try to escape the natural disasters. Within these slums, armed men walk the streets making the area dangerous for people to move around in.

In 2000, the Diocese of Gary and Haiti joined the Global Solidarity Partnership Program. Making up the partnership are volunteers from both the United States and overseas. Through the program, parishioners in the U.S. give financial support to their partner country when its citizens are in need of food, clean water, good health, economic security and education for children. Funding for Catholic Relief Services is a main component of the program.

"This isn't all about money," said Francine Hintz, assistant director of the Heartland Center. "We want to bring different cultures to the population of Northwest Indiana."

Catholic Relief Services first worked in Haiti in the '50s after Hurricane Hazel caused destruction on the island. The organization's main reason for helping the island was to respond to the loss of lives and devastation caused by the storm. However, after the past four decades, the program has become a resource for both relief activities and long-term development work.

"Catholic Relief Services helps people by the basis of their need, not by their creed, race or nationality," said Tina Rodousakis, CRS legislative network specialist. "We provide assistance to those in need and restore their dignity."

"Haiti in Transition"

The discussion will take place in the Student Union and Library building-150, the "Room with a View." There will be no charge to attend.

For more information, call the Heartland Center at (219) 844-7515.

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Brad Hasse and Mike Beres, sophomores, prove that it's easy to throw away stress as they enjoy a game of catch between Lawsche Hall and the Student Union and Library building.



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These students didn't let cabin fever get the best of them. They took their books outside to soak up the sun while preparing for finals.



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John Ware, a freshman majoring in criminal justice, Will Lingvay, a former PUC student and Brandon Gordon, a sophomore electrical engineering and technology major relied on a little competition to take their minds off of studying in the Calumet Falls game room.



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All that studying can work up an appetite and Student Life and Activities' Carol Wolfe and Gloria Roldan-Schieb had just the fix; free food.



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Finals didn't have Howie Ireland, a freshman studying psychology, singing the blues with friend Kevin Horn, a freshman majoring in history.



Photo by Anubhav Gupta

Food, friends and fun; that was these students triple threat for combatting stress as they enjoyed their afternoon on the benches between the Gyte building and the Student Union and Library building.



Photo by Anubhav Gupta

When all else fails, revert to simpler times. What better way to do it than with a free snow cone?

Baseball battered by low-tolerance policy

BRANDON THOMAS
Sports Editor

Once upon a time, baseball was very nonchalant about hit batsmen. In the era of Sandy Koufax and Bob Gibson, it was common for a pitcher to "protect" his teammates when the situation called for it.

Since 2001, and the league's enforcement of a low-tolerance policy on hit batsmen, it has become much more uncommon for players to be hit in retaliation. And while the policy was instilled five years ago, there have been many controversies relating to the policy even in 2006's young season.

National's reliever Felix Rodriguez was one of the recipients of punishment regarding hit batsmen on April 10. Rodriguez, along with National's manager Frank Robinson, received fines and suspensions after an incident with the New York Mets.

Pedro Martinez hit three batters in the early part of the game. Jose Guillen was hit by two of these pitches and caused the benches to clear after pointing his bat at Martinez following the second incident.

While both benches were warned, Mets' reliever Dauner Sanchez went on to hit another Nationals player in the seventh inning. But it wasn't until the eighth inning, when Rodriguez hit the first and only Mets' batter, that any players were ejected.

So after the no-tolerance policy, the issue has still remained and there have been many Major League Baseball players who have experienced, first hand, the effect that it has on the sport.

Another problem with the policy is its restriction on Major League pitchers. Once a batter is hit, intentionally or unintentionally, and the umpire decides to warn the benches, it leaves pitchers on both teams vulnerable.

In 2001, Martinez was in the middle of another controversy after hitting Mariner designated hitter, Edgar Martinez.

Umpire crew chief Joe Brinkman told Pedro Martinez that he could not avoid warning him even though the pitch had been a 77 mph curveball, a pitch that is not usually chosen by a pitcher to send a message to another team.

Robinson, who was baseball's vice presi-

dent of on-field operations at the time, made it clear to the AP that a warning should only be issued when a pitcher shows intent.

The intent for Pedro Martinez to hit Edgar Martinez was not evident in the altercation.

Also, the number of players who crowd the plate have increased over the past couple of decades.

"The biggest change in baseball since I came into the league," said pitcher Greg Maddux to the AP. "Was in the number of hitters who stand right on top of the plate and hit the outside pitch."

He said that when he came in the league (1986), he saw maybe a half-dozen opposite-field home runs all season.

"Now you see them all the time," said Maddux.

The amount of opposite-field homeruns has tripled since 1987.

The recent proximity change of many Major League hitters has made it even harder for pitchers to avoid hitting batters. The amount of hit batsmen has more than doubled since the 1984 season.

The designated hitter has also had a hand in the recent increase in hit batsmen. The amount of hit batsmen in the American League is higher than in the National League. Some specialists believe that it is because the American League pitchers do not get a chance to bat, which allows them to hit batters without having to stand up to the plate and face pitchers from the other team.

Lee A. Freeman, a professor of MIS at the University of Michigan, thinks differently.

"Most National League teams operate under the assumption that when facing a batting pitcher, the pitcher will strike out, sacrifice bunt, or get out in some other manner," Freeman said in his essay *The Effect of the Designated Hitter Rule on Hit Batsmen*. "However in the American League, with the DH rule in effect, all nine batters in the lineup are 'true hitters.'"

The effect of the DH has added to the ongoing debate of the low-tolerance policy.

While the low-tolerance aim at hit batsmen has resulted in a significant decrease in Major League fights, conflicts involving its discrepancies should continue to occur.

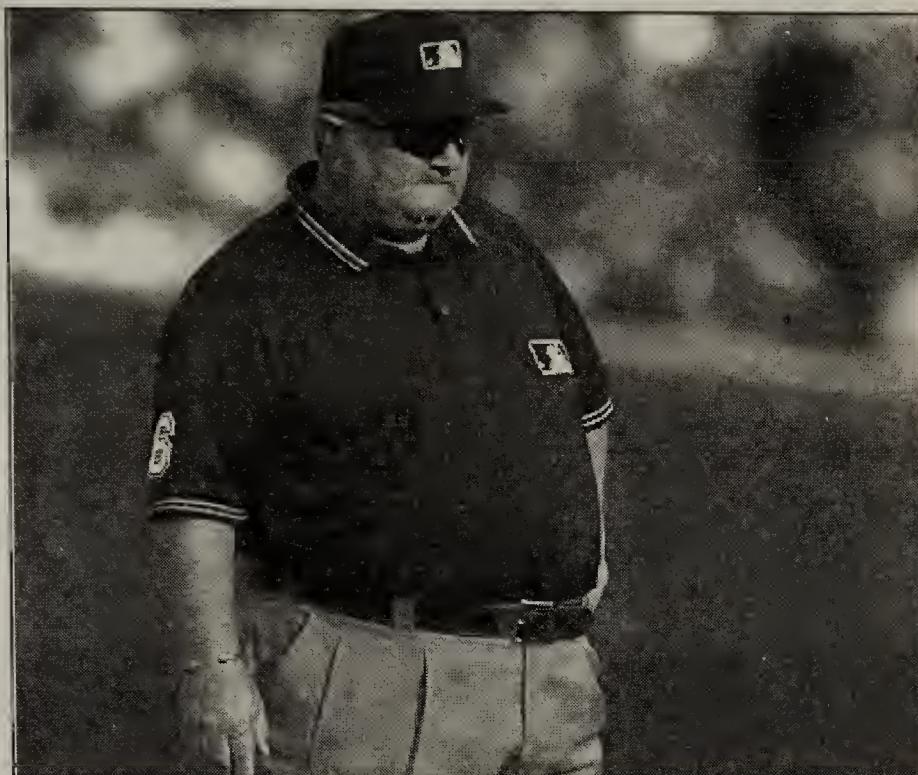


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Baseball has gone through many changes over the last couple of decades, but one of the most controversial changes has involved the low-tolerance policy. It has had a drastic effect on the way pitchers and hitters have approached the game.

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Dudzik needs a raise



DAVID P. FUNK
Managing Editor

I doubt there are many faculty members on this campus who can claim they've increased the productivity of their position by 1350 percent.

When Matt Dudzik took the job as intramural sports coordinator five years ago (he's been a full time university employee for three), there were two intramural sports; basketball and volleyball. This past semester 29 were offered.

You guessed it, that's a 1350 percent increase.

Dudzik described the participation level when he began as "popular, but not as popular as [intramural sports] are now."

He got the job after organizing a few sand volleyball tournaments as part of his practicum for the PUC fitness major. Around the time he graduated, his predecessor left the position. Rob Jensen, Director of Fitness, Wellness and Sports then asked Dudzik if he wanted the position.

And the PUC intramural program has seen a boom since.

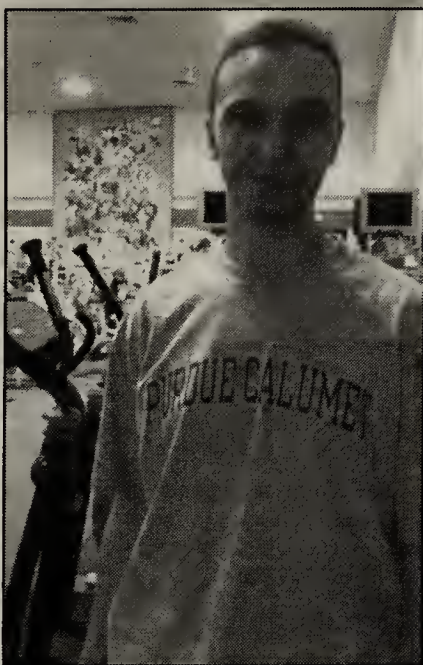
Dudzik took the job because when he was a student at PUC (he began in 1993), he didn't feel like he got a true college experience out of school. He said that allowing students an opportunity to participate in such a diverse variety of activities can help them get that type of experience out of PUC.

"Students tell you how much fun they had and they look forward to coming back and playing, again," said Dudzik, when asked what the best part of his job is during a phone interview.

Thanks to Dudzik, PUC students can play everything from miniature golf to frisbee golf (frolf), from wiffleball to wallyball, from basketball to sailing to darts to hockey to ping pong and 20 more.

And he does it because he enjoys it. He looks forward to every day of work and considers his job a lot of fun.

"Students now have something they can look forward to," said Dudzik. "They get to meet a lot of new people and have a good time."



Chronicle photo by Bradley Ehrhardt

Intramural Sports Director Matt Dudzik has done a lot for PUC students.

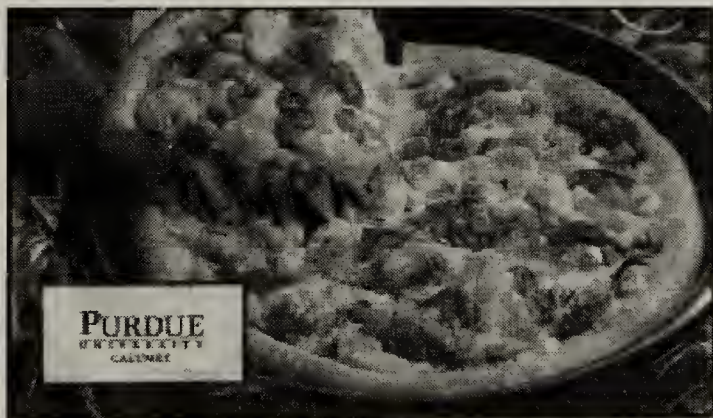
If everyone on this campus handled their jobs or classes the way Dudzik handles his, the Ivy League would be begging PUC to join for our academics and the Big Ten for our athletics.

Students on this campus look forward to participating in intramurals. I've witnessed students pick up a copy of this newspaper just to check what time intramurals start or what is being offered.

But PUC doesn't quite recognize all that Dudzik has done for the student body. His office is deep in the maze of hallways of the REC center and looks like it may have been used for storage in the past.

With all the preaching the university does about improving the quality of life for students, you'd expect them to reward someone who has done so much for the student body. I have no idea what Dudzik is paid, but the guy needs a raise and a better office.

And we all need to try to produce the way he has. Just look at the box on the right.



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6:30- 9 p.m.

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2 on 2 Darts

Entry Deadline: May 31, 2006

Event: June 5- August 14

Location: Game Time (Whiting)

7 p.m.

*All participants must be 21 or older

Sailing (June)

Session one

Entry Deadline: June 8, 2006

Event: June 13, 20 and 27, 2006

Cost: \$15:00

Location: East Chicago Marina-Dock G-26

1:30- 4 p.m.

Session two

Event: June 15, 22 and 29, 2006

1:30-4 p.m.

Session three

Event: June 14, 24 and 28, 2006

5- 7:30 p.m.

Open Play Sand Volleyball

Event: June 15, 22 and 29, 2006

Behind the Fitness Center

6:30-8 p.m.

Sailing (July)

Session one

Entry Deadline: July 6, 2006

Event: July 11, 18 and 25, 2006

1:30- 4 p.m.

Session two

Event: July 13, 20 and 27, 2006

1:30- 4 p.m.

Session three

Event: July 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2006

5- 7:30 p.m.

Rowing

Qualifying starts: May 1- July 1, 2006

Event: July 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2006

Location: East Chicago Marina

5:30- 7:30 p.m.

*All participants must row 2,000 meters ten times

*Indoor rowers at the fitness center.

*Participants must log their times and distances.

*You must be a fitness center member to participate.

Brandon Thomas' trivia question

What NBA player has scored the most points in a playoff game?

(see page 10 for answer)

Last Week's Answer

Jack Chesbro with 41 wins in 1904



High tensions in basketball finals

Go Gettas repeat as champs, Wet Bandits and Team Decade nearly resort to violence

DAVID P. FUNK
Managing Editor

Repeating as champions is never an easy thing to do, regardless of the sport. In taking home the trophy (or in this case, shirt), teams also place a big red target on their backs for the next season.

But the Go Gettas cruised through the final four to capture the intramural crown for the second consecutive year.

In the first game they frustrated a Court Masters team, holding the lead for the length of the contest. The Court Masters were unable to get anything going in the half court offense. The champs never lost control.

Even when the Court Masters seemed to gain some momentum with a fast break lay up with five seconds remaining in the first half to cut the lead to five, the Go Gettas answered with a bucket of their own at the buzzer. That was as close as the game ever got and the Court Masters never recovered.

On the other side of the gym, controversy hung over a game between Team Decade and the Wet Bandits. With less than three minutes remaining, a fight developed. The Wet Bandits claimed that one of their players was groped inappropriately. Team Decade denied the claim.

The teams met near halfcourt. Pushes

came to shoves and both teams yelled insults and obscenities at the other.

The game was cut short when Intramural Sports Director Matt Dudzik stepped onto the court, visibly angry pointing his finger and waving his hands. Dudzik said one of the Wet Bandits was not registered with the team and playing under a false name. The Bandits also vehemently disputed this claim, but went on to say "all the teams in the league do it."

Team Decade was declared the winner, 39-33.

After the first games, the curtains in the REC center gym went up, the backboards came down and the championship game was played on the main court.

Decade appeared overmatched during the first half against the Go Gettas. The fast-paced style played more to the Go Gettas strengths, as fast break after fast break lead to easy points while Team Decade seemed, at times, lifeless.

The Go Gettas toyed with their opponents, throwing full-court baseball passes and attempting alley-oop passes.

"They were just too slow for us," said Daryahn Alcox, a sophomore in pre-physical therapy.

The Go Gettas went into halftime with a 39-23 lead.

"Then, we got too comfortable," said Minuyard Wheeler, last year's PUC



Chronicle photo by David P. Funk

The Go Gettas (from left, Daryahn Alcox, LaSharon Watson, Chris Johnson and Minuyard Wheeler) repeated as intramural basketball champs Sunday at the REC Center.

Peregrine leading scorer and leader of the Go Gettas.

Something happened to Team Decade during halftime as they started the second half with focused stares and much more intense defense. They fought for each loose ball and rebound and nearly made a full comeback.

Decade outscored the Go Gettas 36-33 in

the second half, but it wasn't enough as the champs repeated with a final tally of 72-59.

The Wet Bandits, Go Gettas and Team Decade all vowed to be back again next season. And the Go Gettas are just fine with those targets on their backs.

Jun, Karras and Bruce battle in racquetball



Chronicle photo by Jessica Cochran

Racquetball was a bit shortcoming on participants but the students who participated showed some intensity on the court.

BRAIN KUTANOVSKI
Assistant Sports Editor

A good place on campus to find an intense, quick and fun workout is in intramural racquetball.

Racquetball provides a great mixture of skill, fun and exercise. In addition, it gives an opportunity for tennis players to assimilate their skills with another racquet sport. And with the advantage of the indoor arena, it can be played even in ugly weather.

Wednesday night featured students who were ready to play. Each of the contestants were focused on their pre-game stretches before an extreme game of racquetball.

The first match was between Liu Jun, who came to PUC all the way from China to study management in the School of Technology. His opponent would be Connie Karras, who was a former PUC student and a former Marine. The best of the three game match was dominated by Jun, who defeated Karras 11-6 in both games.

Karras didn't go down without a fight, as she played so intensely, at times her body would smash up against the glass wall after making a great hit. The former Marine made facial gestures, signaling her displeasure with her performance.

Jun and Karras are regulars for the PUC

racquetball. Karras said sarcastically that she even sleeps at the Fitness Center.

The next match featured Jun going face to face against his next opponent, Dan Bruce, a political science major.

"I took a racquetball course and I learned a lot from that," said Bruce.

Unfortunately, the course wasn't enough for Bruce, as he was defeated by a large margin of 11-2 in the first game and 11-1 in the second.

"Whooo," Bruce said with exhaustion after the tiring match of racquetball.

Jun, who remained undefeated on the night, showed great sportsmanship as he shook hands with his opponents after the intense battles on the courts.

"I play racquetball here, because we don't have it in China," Jun, who is also a Vice Mayor for the Qingzhen Municipal Government in China said. "And I also get to meet new people and maybe improve on my English."

Karras has been playing tennis since she was four years old, making it obvious why she is good at racquetball.

"I like the quickness of racquetball. It's fast and I love it," said Karras.



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